

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions ~~instruction~~ that when executed by a machine result ~~results~~ in the machine performing operations comprising:

determining if an entertainment mode power on process is selected for a computer system; and

enabling a driver to pass ~~passing~~ predefined entertainment mode user account data stored on said computer system to an operating system (OS) of said computer system and to execute at least one API function of said OS; and

~~to enable~~ enabling said OS to boot using said predefined entertainment mode account data.

2. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

determining at least in part, if a conventional power on process is selected; and enabling said OS to perform a boot process.

3. (original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

executing an entertainment mode application program to permit a user to utilize said computer system to access data associated with said entertainment mode

application program.

4. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

enabling said entertainment mode application program to control access to selected hardware components of said ~~PC~~ computer system.

5. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

enabling said entertainment mode application program to control access to selected software components of said ~~PC~~ computer system.

6. (current amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said entertainment mode application program comprises a video application program executing instructions to permit a said user to access video data on said computer system.

7. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said entertainment mode application program comprises an audio application program executing instructions to permit a said user to access audio data on said computer system.

8. (currently amended) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said entertainment mode application program comprises a digital photograph application program executing instructions to permit a said user to access digital photograph data on said computer system.

9. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

enabling an installation program to store entertainment mode user account data on a computer; and

enabling a driver to load said entertainment mode user account data stored on said computer into a logon application of an operating system ~~logon application~~ and to execute at least one API function of said operating system.

10. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising ~~the~~ step of:

enabling an entertainment mode application program to be executed on said computer, after said operating system completes a boot up process.

11. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a computer system that includes an entertainment mode power switch; and

a machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions ~~instruction~~ that when executed by a machine result ~~results~~ in the machine performing operations comprising:

enabling entertainment mode user account data to be stored on said computer system; and

enabling a driver to pass ~~passing~~ said entertainment mode user account data stored on said computer system to a logon process of an operating system ~~logon process~~ associated with said computer system and to execute at least one API function of said operating system, ~~when if~~ said entertainment mode power switch is activated to power said computer system.

12. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said entertainment mode user account data is being automatically passed to said operating system logon process.

13. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 11, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

enabling an entertainment mode application program to be executed ~~execute~~ after said ~~operating system~~ logon process, said entertainment mode application program being adapted to permit a user access to video associated with said computer system.

14. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 13, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

enabling said entertainment mode application program to control access to selected hardware components of said computer system.

15. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 13, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

enabling said entertainment mode application program to control access to selected software components of said computer system.

16. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 11, said instructions further performing operations comprising:

enabling an installation program to create said entertainment mode user account data on a computer; and

enabling an operating system function to create at least one of a username and password and associating at least one of said username and password with said entertainment mode user account data;

~~enabling a driver to load said user account data into an operating system login application.~~